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"Public and Private Partners Working Together to Protect People, Homes, and Natural Resources"

Board Meeting Minutes-FINAL

October 16, 2024

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

American Legion

4561 Greenstone Road, Placerville

1. Meeting Call to Order

9:31am

2. Roll Call: Sign In

In Person: Pimlott, Council, Barentson, Pullin, Penn, Ball, Cantelow, Dwyer, Fine, Gilcrest, Johnston, Hess, Lory, Payne, Willis, Zelinsky, Osgood Zoom: Boal, Connelly, Hawk

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Ken Pimlott

4. Consent Calendar Board Action Item

- a. Meeting Agenda: 10/16/2024
- b. Board Meeting Minutes: 09/18/2024
- c. Associate Fire Safe Council Boundary Adjustments per bylaws section 14.04.

Approved as presented – no opposition.

5. New Business

Executive Coordinator Position - Strategic Planning Task Group - Paul Penn –
Board Action Item

This is the second presentation of the Futuring group's recommendations on Strategic Planning. A question-and-answer period was held. Vice Chair Dorothy Fine, on behalf of the task group will accept additional comments and input until the end of month. After review, this item will be presented to the Board of Directors for Board action at the November 20th meeting.

6. Old Business

- a. Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Tamara Johnston

We held five CWPP public meetings in the county that included an overview of CWPP and breakout sessions to allow for input. As of this date, the public survey has 1200 responses. Reminded FSC's to help get information out to our communities to complete the survey. Public survey is open until October 31st

- b. Website Update – Dorothy Fine

Streamline has moved our website content to their platform. FSC's that want updated pictures for their sites need to send them to caminofsc@gmail.com and I will forward them to Streamline.

7. Information Items:

- a. Chairman's Report & Communication – Ken Pimlott

Agenda items must be submitted to the Clerk or Chair one week before the monthly meeting. Title III funding requests are due to the chair by the end of November. Project descriptions received so far are perfect. Funds are to be spent by August 31, 2025.

Our audio/visual improvement needs continue to be evaluated.

- b. Vice-Chair Report – Dorothy Fine

No report

- c. Secretary Report – Angel Ball

No report

d. Treasurers Report: Janet Barentson – **Board Action Item**

- September Treasurer's Report

Held over from September meeting. No additional report.

- October Treasurer's Report

Noted details on Treasurer's report. Explained funding process for grants and chipping. Initiated audit for 23/24 fiscal year with Vaughn Johnson. FSCs may be asked to provide financial information for the audit. Initiated taxes for 23/24 fiscal year with Pat Turner.

September & October Treasurer Reports approved-no opposition.

e. Partners Reports:

1. BLM – TBA

No report

2. CAL FIRE – Jeff Hoag/Patrick McDaniel

Burn suspension is still in force. We will be working on prescribed burning when safe to do so.

Grant contract will be signed at the end of the month.

3. Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience – Tom Meyer/Tanya Harlow

Tom:

Progress is being made on the defensible space inspections.

Implementation guidelines for defensible space ordinance are in progress.

Our website has an insurance tab explaining the discounts for homeowners.

Weber Creek project-preparing for next steps, a bid for a construction manager and boundary adjustments to submit to FEMA.

Firewise renewal deadline is November 22nd.

Our annual report will go to the Board of Supervisors in December which will ask for their endorsement of the 2025 workplan.

Tanya:

Noted how the CWPP workshops were marketed and actions taken to get survey out to public. 8 of 32 FSCs submitted information to Jensen Hughes.

October 31 is the deadline for Survey and FSC's input. May need photos

from certain FSCs of their community. Defensible space video has been posted on CAL FIRE's social media platforms.

4. EDC Fire Chiefs Association – Tim Cordero

Additional resources are gearing up in the county for red flag warning. Mosquito Bridge project is still moving forward.

5. EDC FPO Association – Lucas Shepard

Meeting tomorrow at Station 85. Reviewing officer nominations for next year. Regulations and standard committee formed. Working in partnership with county on day-to-day checklist to make sure everyone is on same page with fire agencies doing inspections.

6. ENF – Brad Stewart

No report

7. RCD – Courtney Jackson

Discussed the Placerville Community Wildfire Resilience Strategy survey. November 14th is the next town hall meeting from 5:30pm to 7:00pm to share information from the survey. We had a public meeting at EID and are continuing to have meetings with partners to get their input. WSP (our contractor) & Jensen Hughes are sharing data, so this is a compliment to the CWPP.

8. SMUD – Eric Brown

No report

9. PG&E – Mike Webb

No report

10. EDSO – Chief Lilienthal

Currently engaged with PG&E for PSPS event. Continuing work on Evacuation Plan for Tahoe and West Slope. Disaster Council meeting November 13th at the sheriff's office. Check our website for more details. OES is meeting with Watch Duty to discuss incidents and alert warning information.

11. BOR – Elizabeth Dyer

No report

8. Program Reports

a. Grants & Funding/Grants Committee– Tamara Johnston

We received a \$100k grant from PG&E for defensible space. We are the only ones in our region to get a grant. There is money for defensible space assessments included in the grant.

b. Assistance Programs – Jessica Isabel

- Chipping

YTD – completed 546 jobs, cleared 905 acres chipped 95,570 cubic yards and spent \$244,354.

- Defensible Space Services for Seniors, etc.

YTD - 208 parcels evaluated, 217 parcels cleared, average cost per parcel is \$1,169.39 and spent \$276,391.86. Of completed parcels we serviced 63 vets, 194 seniors, 54 low income and 60 disabled.

- Hazard Tree Removal

139 parcels assessed, completed 177 parcels, identified 356 new trees, cut 430 trees, average cost per tree is \$949.25 and spent \$450,687.25.

Reports for Firewise eligible jobs can be created from zip codes. Please send your request to grantadmin@edcfiresafe.org

c. Training Committee – Hugh Council

Planning items with tentative dates in 2025: January meeting to update trainers on materials, April DS & HH class and updates on new regulations for the trained assessors.

Elizabeth – We have material and equipment bags in the back of the room for pick up by our trained DS and HH Assessors. If you stop doing assessments, please return the material to the EDCFSC office. EDCFSC office has received 30 assessment requests to date.

d. Outreach & Education –Alice Cantelow

Thanked everyone for volunteering at events.

Fall into Gardening event at the UCCE master gardner's Sherwood Demonstration Garden in Placerville, volunteers are needed.
Fire flash newsletter-please provide me the information regarding your events.
Banners funded by the art council are being finalized.
CA FSC funding will be used for home hardening house.

e. Governance and New Council Formation & Orientation – Angel Ball

Noted the importance of accepting new areas into your councils.
Coloma/Lotus, Placerville and Sundance Trail are seeing the benefits.

9. Community Council Reports

Bob Hess, Coloma/Lotus FSC-Added a lot of territory to Coloma/Lotus and noted the areas they added. Board members were recruited from those areas.

Sherry Hawk, Gold Ridge Forest FSC–Had a pre CWPP meeting on September 26th and had various parts of the area attend. Insurance discounts were the main focus. School district representatives showed up and brought up education into the classrooms.

Hassan Ebrahimi-Nuyken, Sierra Springs FSC–Traffic controls on Starks Grade ramping up for undergrounding by PG&E. Started Firewise renewal and finding more people want insurance discounts. Will have our second dumpster day in December.

Dorothy Fine, Camino FSC-Go bags are available in the back of the room.

Pat Dwyer, Logtown FSC–Had our 16th annual hot dog social with 100 people in attendance. We raised \$3000 in funds for future projects.

Kris Payne, Patterson Ranch, FSC-Noted that the Taxpayers Association of El Dorado County wrote a letter to the insurance commissioner's office to address the insurance issues. Make comments to their office so they are aware of the problems.

David Zelinsky, Placerville FSC–Gave a shout out to Angel for bringing in Sundance Trail to our FSC. Got \$69k investment for Firewise renewal. Note other FSCs that can take advantage of what Firewise has to offer for them.

Karen Pullin, Mosquito FSC–Participated in two local events. Thanked OWPR for flyer in tax bill because people signed up for defensible space assessments. Block party will be coming.

Elizabeth Standeven, Sandridge FSC-Mentioned workbooks available in the back of the room.

Bruce Dickson, Rancho del Sol FSC-Green waste day November 16th & 17th and

will be renting a chipper for one day to help compact the bins.

Paul Gilchrest, Cameron Park FSC-Got another Firewise ad and another one in the works.

10. Public Comment – *Time limit is 3 minutes per person.*

Alice Cantelow – Wanted clarification on what FSCs can comment on to the insurance commissioner’s office. Ken noted to stick to the issues and do not make it political.

Richard Mason, Camino resident – Discussed fire hazard on corner of Union Ridge and Carson Road in Camino.

11. Good of the Order

- a. CWPP update meeting hosted by OWPR @ **1 PM** at the American Legion following the Board Meeting.

- b. Next EDCFSC Board Meeting – November 20, 2024

12:01pm

Minutes typed by Carri Lueck, EDCFSC Administrative Assistant